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1. The 6th Auxiliary Technical Battalion (PTP) at Orlova (Q50/069) consisted of 6 companies and numbered about 600 men.

2. Personnel included:

3. Political classification of PTP-men was as follows:

a. Class E - politically unreliable servicemen. Duration of service for this group was indefinite, which meant that they were kept in the army until they attained class S (politically reliable). In order to be given class S classification they had to work very hard, keep fulfilling production targets over 100% and show a complete change in their political outlook. Among servicemen belonging to class E were many over 40 years of age who were called up for labor service as punishment.

b. Class S - reliable soldiers assigned to guard duties. The majority of them were NCOs on active service and the rest were enlisted men who became politically reliable and had agreed to stay to work in the mines for a certain period.

4. PTP members had no military training except for morning calisthenics and they were issued no arms or other military equipment.

5. The 6th PTP Battalion was assigned to work at the Zapotocky Mine. They worked in three 8-hour shifts. One hour daily was devoted to political lectures, consisting of reading political booklets.

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6. PTP members worked at those sites where civilian miners did not want to work, since the work was either unrewarding or dangerous. Soldiers had to achieve certain output targets; if they failed to achieve 100% results, they lost their wages and received only army pay. Permits to leave the camp were issued only to those who proved active in political activities and who fulfilled the production target at least 100%. Leaves were issued only when death occurred in the family. Morale was very poor.

7. Postal address of the battalion was PS-51, Orlova.

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